

SIXTY-FIRST CONGRESS MEETS

Speaker Calls the House to Order and Is Applauded by Friends and Enemies Alike.

Vice-President Sherman Presides Over the Senate—Numerous Bills Designed to Carry Out President Taft's Policies Are Introduced in Both Houses.

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Washington, Dec. 6.—The Sixty-first congress of the United States met at noon to-day for the first day of its first regular session, with Vice-President Sherman in the chair of the senate, and Speaker Joseph G. Cannon in the chair in the House. While this congressional gathering is the first regular session, it is the second session in reality, for congress met in extraordinary session last spring at the call of President Taft to consider the matter of a revision of the tariff.

Some interest was lacking in the proceedings of the first day in the capitol because at the beginning of the extraordinary session in March last the speaker of the House was elected. Moreover, before the extraordinary session was ended, Speaker Cannon appointed all the committees which are to take legislation under consideration for the next two winters. The appointment of the committees ended the campaign on the part of the members for choice chairmanships and, if the chairmanships were not forthcoming, for seats in the more important subsidiary bodies of the House.

Ready for Work at Once. The members have had time to get over jealousies and rivalries and so is that, so far as committee work is concerned, the House not only is ready to proceed at once to consider legislation, but most of the members have brought themselves into a frame of mind to do what they are called upon to do without regard to their own feelings of disappointment and perhaps, anger.

As is always the case on the opening day of congress, admission to the House and Senate galleries was by card and only those fortunate enough to know senators and representatives sufficiently well to secure admission tickets were allowed to witness the proceedings.

Galleries Are Crowded. The galleries of both House and Senate were jammed with people. All classes of Washington society were represented in the throng of visitors. The diplomatic gallery in the House and in the Senate as well, was filled to its fullest capacity with ambassadors, ministers, attaches and the ladies of the different legations. Members of the families of the president and of the vice-president of the United States occupied seats in the executive galleries; and the cabinet and judiciary and army and navy circles were well represented.

By a rule which was adopted not long ago, flowers are barred from the floor of the House excepting when they are to be used as a tribute to the memory of some deceased member. The result of this rule is that now on the opening days of congress the desks of the members are bare of floral decorations. In the old days

from the Senate, Speaker Cannon appointed a committee to join a like committee of the Senate to wait upon the president. The members of the body directed to notify Mr. Taft that the House was in session were by the appointment of the speaker, the Republican leader, Seno E. Payne, and the Democratic leader, Champ Clark. The first day in the House as usual brought out hundreds of legislative measures in bill form, all of which were read by their title only and then referred to the proper committees. It was evident from the tone of the bills introduced that some scores of representatives were anxious to father measures which had been recommended by President Taft as being necessary to carry out proposed policies of progression. The bills ranged from those intended to correct alleged existing evils in interstate commerce to those to give increases of pensions to veterans of the civil war.

Applause Greets Speaker Cannon. If Speaker Cannon anticipates any particular trouble with the "insurgents" of the House at the coming session, he gave no evidence of it when he took the chair as presiding officer. He was greeted with great applause from the galleries and from the floor of the House, many of the Democrats and insurgents joining in the demonstration, though in either case possibly the hand-clapping was given as an evidence of regard for the office of speaker, rather than as evidence of any overweening affection for the speaker himself.

With the committees ready to begin work, the House will settle down to its winter's business at once. No bills will be passed immediately because all measures must be considered in committee, and the meetings of the committees will be held daily from now until the Christmas holidays and some of the more important House bodies will sit during the recess. When congress reassembles in January many of the committees will be ready to report bills, and the debates of the winter will begin.

Opening of the Senate. Vice-President Sherman called the Senate to order at noon. Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the chaplain of the Senate, having died during the summer recess, his place as chaplain, temporarily, was taken by a local clergyman who offered prayer. In the Senate the roll was called and it was found that nearly all the senators were in their seats. The resolutions were adopted to the effect that committees be appointed to inform the House and the president that the Senate had assembled and was ready to begin the business of the session. As was the case in the House many bills were introduced for consideration during the winter by senators who, like the representatives, desire to have a hand in forwarding administration policies.

After a comparatively short session "in the open," the galleries were cleared and the Senate went into executive session behind closed doors for the purpose of considering nominations for office sent to the Upper House by President Taft.

Tests of Diamonds. Most persons are obliged, in the purchase of a diamond, to rely implicitly upon the word of the man who sells the stone. While many years of observation and experience are needed to become an expert with respect to the value and purity of diamonds, yet there are certain extremely simple tests capable of being made by the most inexperienced.

One is by means of a needle hole pricked through a piece of ordinary cardboard. Looking through the stone tested at the cardboard, one will see two holes if the diamond be spurious—only one if the gem be genuine. The reason for this is that an imitation diamond will give a double refraction, the real stone but one refraction. It is claimed that there is no acid having any perceptible effect upon a genuine diamond. Hydrofluoric acid will, if dropped upon a stone made of glass, corrode it, but upon the bona fide stone it will have no effect at all.—Harper's Weekly.

USE ELECTRICITY ON FARM

Illinois Woman Gives Interesting Account of Numerous Uses to Which She Puts the Little Motor.

I shall endeavor to explain how I use electricity, which makes my work easy and farm life a pleasure, and how my husband is using a gasoline engine with great results, writes Mrs. W. E. Holben in Orange Judd Farmer. While he is doing work elsewhere he can have his engine pumping water and charging a storage battery. He shells his corn and is in a position to haul at any time. He does not have to wait for some one to come into the neighborhood with a sheller and then take his turn. He grinds his own corn, therefore has the choice of feeding in the ear or ground.

At husking time his corn is elevated into the cribs, again saving labor and time for all concerned. At threshing time he elevates the small grain into bins which are overhead. Being built this way, he has not only economized in space, but again made a hard task easy, for when delivering to market he drives under a chute and in a very short time is loaded and is well on his way to town.

He has other things which he runs with the engine, a dynamo being one. With it he charges his storage battery, from which we get our current for our lights, about 150 in all. We have them in the house, tenant house, barn, cribs, etc. It is a great convenience to have lights all over the house or barn with merely the turn of a switch. Think of unloading corn by electric lights, instead of the dim old lantern. Old Jersey's corn looks bigger and lasts better than in olden time, and she never has to be punished for kicking the light over.

The storage battery, when given a full charge, will last a week on an average. My husband being his own machinist and electrician, we can do this at a very moderate cost. I have a motor for my sewing machine, which is indeed fine. It works perfectly and is very easily operated. I press on the pedal and this turns on the current, runs the machine as long as desired. I release the pressure and it stops at once. By a clever little arrangement which Mr. Holben studied out and put into use, the current is also broken when the foot is released. Speed is regulated by more or less pressure with the foot.

Penitentiary Statistics. Rev. Frank Richards, chaplain of the state prison at Columbus, O., has tabulated some interesting statistics concerning the inmates of that prison. The Ohio penitentiary was established in 1815, and since that time it has received 39,384 prisoners. It now has 1,615 male convicts and 58 females, of whom 222 are under sentence for life. The average sentence of each convict, not counting the "lifers," is two years, one month, 25 days and a fraction. The estimated aggregated number of years which the "lifers" will have to serve is 2,220, and the aggregate number of years of service of other prisoners is 3,618 years, making a total of 5,838.

Fossil Teeth. A Washington naturalist has made a singular collection of fossil teeth from drug shops in various parts of China, where they are sold under the name of "dragon's teeth," and are valued for their supposed curative powers. Upon examining them, it was found that they were the remains of many species of extinct animals, such as the ancestral forms of camels, sabre-toothed tigers, three-toed horses and other creatures.

Hunter Caught in Bear Trap. While he was hunting in the "kettle" of seven mountain, in Snyder county, recently, George S. Schoch of this place was caught in a bear trap under a clump of bushes. He was found a prisoner after dark seven hours later asleep from fatigue by his brother, John A. S. Schoch, and Donald Spangle of Lewistown, and he was extricated with difficulty. His thick hunting leggings minimized injuries that were bad at the best.—Selinsgrove correspondent Philadelphia Record.

THE MARKETS. Financial. New York, Dec. 7.—Money on call firm at 4 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange \$4.87 1/2 for demand. Grain, Provisions and Live Stock. Cleveland, Dec. 7.—Flour—Minnesota spring patents \$5.75@5.90. Wheat—No. 2 red \$1.21 1/2. Corn—No. 3 yellow 63 1/2c. Oats—No. 2 white 44 1/2c. Butter—Best creamery 34 1/2@35c. Cheese—York state 18@18 1/2c. Eggs—Strictly fresh 20c. Potatoes—Ohio 40@45c. Hay—No. 1 Timothy \$15.00@15.25. Cattle—Best steers \$7.50@8.25, calves \$8.50@9.25. Sheep—Choice wethers \$4.25@4.75, choice lambs \$7.50@7.60. Hogs—Heavy Yorkers \$8.35, pigs \$8.30. Toledo, Dec. 7.—Wheat—Cash \$1.21. Corn—Cash 59c. Oats—Cash 43 1/2c. Cloverseed—Cash \$9.20. Buffalo, Dec. 7.—Cattle—Export cattle \$8.25@7.90, fair to good \$4.50@5.25. Hogs—Yorkers \$8.50@8.55, pigs \$8.45. Sheep—Wethers \$5.00@5.50, lambs \$6.50@6.80. Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—Cattle—Choice steers \$6.80@7.10, good \$6.15@6.40. Hogs—Heavy Yorkers \$8.45@8.50, pigs \$8.25@8.35. Sheep—Prime wethers \$5.00@5.10, lambs \$5.00@5.20. Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wheat—December \$1.07 1/2. Corn—December 55c. Oats—December 40 1/2c. Pork—January \$21.40. Lard—January \$12.47. Cattle—Beef \$4.69@5.25, stockers and feeders \$2.15@3.30. Hogs—Heavy \$8.00@8.55, pigs \$6.80@7.85. Sheep—Native \$3.00@3.20, lambs \$5.25@7.85.

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SKIN ROUGH AS BARK.

Baby Boy Had Intense Itching Humor—Scatched Till Blood Ran. Found a Cure in Cuticura.

"Our son, two years old, was afflicted with a rash. After he suffered with the trouble several weeks I took him to the doctor but it got worse. The rash ran together and made large blisters. The little fellow didn't want to do anything but scratch and we had to wrap his hands up to keep him from tearing the flesh open till the blood would run. The itching was intense. The skin on his back became hard and rough like the bark of a tree. He suffered intensely for about three months. But I found a remedy in Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. The result was almost magical. That was more than two years ago and there has not been the slightest symptom of it since he was cured. J. W. Lauck, Yukon, Okla., Aug. 28 and Sept. 17, 1908." Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

Astonished the Company. A famous dean was once at dinner, when, just as the cloth was removed, the subject of discourse happened to be that of extraordinary mortality among lawyers. "We have lost," said a gentleman, "not less than six eminent barristers in as many months." The dean, who was quite deaf, rose as his friend finished his remarks, and gave the company grace—"For this and every other mercy, make us truly thankful."

Sentiments for Husbands. "When a man really loves his wife he ought to combine all his nicest sentiments toward other women into one big sentiment for her. "He should show her the respect he feels toward his mother; the politeness he shows other women, and the responsibility he feels toward his sister.

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Vice-President Sherman.

both House and Senate were turned into conservatories for the time of the opening proceedings. At sharp noon Speaker Cannon called the House to order and asked the chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, to offer prayer. In his prayer which was in a sense a Thanksgiving offering, the chaplain referred to the prosperity of the country, the opportunities of the present and the bright hopes and promises of the future.

Absentees Are Few. As soon as the prayer was ended the clerk of the House called the roll of membership by states and it was found that there were only a few absentees. The roll call ended the reading clerk of the Senate who had appeared in the House was recognized, and he announced that the Upper House had passed a resolution to inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate being assembled, that body was ready to proceed to business. The House also was told that the Senate had appointed a committee to join a House committee to inform the president of the United States that a quorum of each house was present and that congress was ready to receive any communication that he "may be pleased to make." On receipt of this message